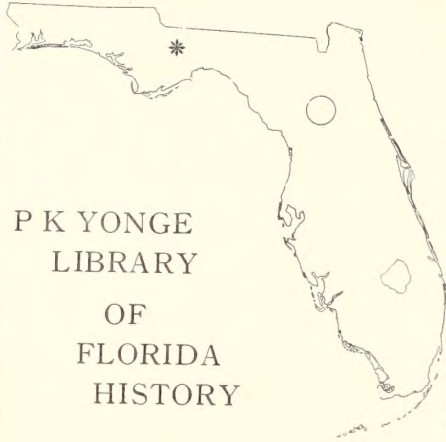


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governor explains that the council was called at the solicitation of Antonio de Arredondo, royal engineer, sent by the governor of Cuba to inspect the fortifications of the city and recommend the best measures of defense. The engineer stated that the English every day were advancing their schemes by land and sea. Therefore the city must be placed in a state of defense. He has found the warehouses, fort, and roads in a bad condition. The building of a palisade and a parapet recommended. Proposition that the expenses of the work be borne by the citizens of the city (a sort of income tax). Officials and others agree to the levy.

1738, Antonio Arredondo, Royal Civil Engineer. Report to Manuel Montiano, Governor of Florida.

Arrangements being made to found other settlements in Florida. San Mateo well located by nature. Rules for the division of lands and the supplies of each settler.

1738/1742, May 18, Francisco de Herasitas, Governor of Cuba to the Governor of the city of St. George in Carolina.

The Spanish desire an investigation in regard to the English settlements on the St. Johns river. The English respond by saying that they intend settling on all unoccupied lands. The Spaniards propose to drive them away. Threats from the Governor of Cuba to the English governor of Carolina.

1740, Jan. 6, Francisco de Castilla, Governor of Florida.

Report showing the location of the most fertile lands in the provinces of Apalache and Florida.

1740, Feb. 6, Francisco de Castilla. Letter to Crown.

A project by which twenty-four titles of nobility will be granted to those who promote settlements in Florida.

1740, Aug. 8, Pedro Ruez de Olano, Sergeant Major. Report to Crown.

A communication from the Sergeant Major in command of Fort

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work. He furnishes testimonials from the Prelates and prays to be sent back to Spain.

1792, Dec. 19, Juan Nepomuceno de Quesada, Royal Engineer. Report on conditions in Florida since the provinces were handed over to Spain by Great Britain.

Resume of important steps taken by the government from July 7, 1790 to the present date. Number of houses rebuilt in St. Augustine; regulations for the encouragement of agriculture, commerce, police, repair of roads, etc. Royal works--hospital, barracks, school house, embankments, bridges, wharf.

1794, Mar. 15, George Matthews, Governor of Georgia, to the Governor of Florida.

A letter from the governor of Georgia in regard to the enlistment of citizens of Georgia in the service of France. All suspected persons to be reported. A Georgia citizen prisoner in St. Augustine who came with a passport.

1794, Mar. 15, Samuel Hammond, the prisoner in question.

Another letter in regard to the innocence of the prisoner Mr. S. Hammond, under arrest for being friendly to the French government.

1804, Feb. 14, Manuel de Hita, Royal Engineer. Report to Crown on San Marco.

A statement that the arches in Castle San Marco are being injured by water, also all other portions of the Castle. A proposition to use cement or brick with which to cover the walls. The towers of the city gates in need of repairs. The Provisional Church built by the English falling down. A suggestion to manufacture brick and tiles in Florida. More fortifications necessary as a protection against the English.

1808, Jan. 9, Enrique White, Governor of Florida. Description of improvement and repairs on San Marco, etc.

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